

May 8, 2013
Town Board Meeting

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF TULLY
TOWN HALL
5833 MEETING HOUSE RD TULLY NY**

Members Present: Supervisor William A. Lund, Jr.
Councilor John Masters
Councilor John Snavlin
Councilor Frank Speziale

Absent: Councilor Christopher Chapman

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Courtney Hills, Highway Superintendent John Herold, *The Tully News* Editor David Blatchley, Tiffany Nesbitt, Kraig Pritts, Bill Coffin, Capt. Bryan Ramsay, Ken Steiger, Sara Keller, John McMahon, Daron Lowell, Pat Lowell, Damon R. Lowell

7:30pm Supervisor Lund called meeting to order and led in Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION 34-2013

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10th MEETING. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Masters. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Speziale) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 35-2013

MOTION TO APPROVE THE VOUCHERS AS AUDITED. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Masters. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Speziale) 0 naves.

Financial Report

Mr. Chartrand reviewed receipts and disbursements for the month of April 2013. Tom reported on justice court fines being close to budget; ambulance recoveries also close to budget. On the expense side, it was a quiet month.

Next, Tom spoke briefly about fiscal stress monitoring, a topic of discussion at the thirteenth annual town finance school which he had recently attended. He also advised the board that the town's investment policy, which still names Alliance Bank, should be updated to reflect the change to NBT Bank.

RESOLUTION 36-2013

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Speziale) 0 naves.

School Budget

Next on the agenda, there was a presentation on the 2013-2014 proposed school budget. In attendance were School Superintendent Kraig Pritts, School Business Administrator Tiffany Nesbitt and School Board President Ken Steiger.

Parks and Recreation

No report.

Highway

John Herold gave a brief report on highway department activities including:

- Sweeping and ditching
- Assessing roads for repairs
- New stake rack truck has been ordered and will arrive in 12 weeks

Ambulance

Bryan Ramsay gave a brief report on ambulance activities as follows:

- Call volume for April was 33 calls
- Drug calls are continuing to be an issue
- Working on renewal for state certification

Tully Newspaper – Response to Committee Report

There was a brief discussion regarding what should be printed in the Tully newsletter. Councilman John Masters, who was one of the town officials on the newsletter committee when it was first being considered back in 1996, spoke in favor of limiting it to official town business.

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Town Clerk and Tax Collector Audits

RESOLUTION 37-2013

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MASTERS THAT THE TOWN BOARD HAS AUDITED THE TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS FOR 2012 AND VERIFIED THAT ALL MONIES COLLECTED HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE PROPER TOWN OFFICIALS. Motion seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Speziale) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 38-2013

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SNAVLIN THAT THE TOWN BOARD HAS AUDITED THE TAX COLLECTOR'S RECORDS FOR 2012 AND VERIFIED THAT ALL MONIES COLLECTED HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE PROPER TOWN OFFICIALS. Motion seconded by Supervisor Lund. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Speziale) 0 naves.

Floor

John McMahon suggested that a small note be placed in the Tully newsletter reminding people that there is no open burning until May 14th, and that no garbage and plastic burning is permitted at all.

Legal

Town attorney Courtney Hills advised the town board that the local law extending the moratorium will be expiring July 5th, so a public hearing needs to be scheduled for next month.

Prior to the motion, John McMahon encouraged the board to consider enacting a law that would ban all gas and oil exploration, all industrial processes relating to hydrofracking.

RESOLUTION 39-2013

MOTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 12TH AT 7:00PM TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON GAS EXPLORATION. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Speziale) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 40-2013

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING at 8:30pm. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Masters. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Speziale) 0 naves.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro,
Town Clerk